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## FISH ARRIVALS COMING SLOW.

Only One Vessel From Boston  
and Shore Boats.

Outside of one Georges haddock down from Boston and a couple of shore boats with small fares, there have been no fish arrivals since last report.

Sch. Lucania, down from Boston yesterday afternoon, had 70,000 pounds of fresh fish and the steamer Nomad and sch. Florida had a few thousand pounds of market fish.

Arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Lucania, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Steamer Nomad, shore, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Muriel, via Boston.

Sch. Florida, shore, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, shore.

Sch. Saladin, via Boston.

Sch. Juliette, shore.

Sch. Marguerite, shore.

Sch. Thalia, via Boston.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

Sch. Leo, shore.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, haddocking.

Steamer Nomad, netting.

Steamer Quoddy, netting.

Sch. Slade Gorton, haddocking.

Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.

Sch. Pauline, Georges.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 9½ cents per lb., for white, and 7 3-4 cents per lb. for gray. Georges halibut, 10c per lb., for white and 8c for gray.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round 65 cts., dressed 70 cts.

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Sent Halibut to Market.

Sch. Onato, which arrived at Boston yesterday, besides her own big fare, marketed 400 pounds of halibut for Capt. Patrick Vale of sch. Titania, the latter craft, a Georges handliner, remaining out on good fishing but sending in her halibut while they were new.

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Sch. Senator Spoken.

Capt. Christopher Gibbs of sch. John Hays Hammond reports speaking sch. Senator on Quero bank recently.

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HANDLINING HELPED SHARES.

Halibut Trip of Sch. John Hays Hammond Stocked \$3100.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Capt. Gibbs, stocked \$3100 as the result of her recent four weeks fresh halibut trip, the crew sharing all the way from \$64 to \$106. The former amount was the regular share, but there was quite a lot of handline fish and the men shared on these according to what they caught individually. Several had \$70 and \$80 checks coming to them and the lucky high line chap took down the big amount of \$106.

This is the third halibut trip which Capt. Gibbs has landed thus far this year and he is certainly setting a hot pace. The captain is a very capable young man and his friends hope that he will keep up his good work.

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## AMENDMENTS TO THE LOBSTER LAW.

Subject of Extended  
Hearing at  
State House Yesterday.

Length of lobster, and what effect the nine-inch-over-all minimum of stretch has to do with the decrease of that luscious crustacean, occupied the attention of the legislative committee on fisheries and game at the state house yesterday morning. Three or four bills were up for consideration, and room 505, where the hearings were held, was crowded with men who trap lobsters for a living, dealers in lobsters in Boston and other places and representatives from the house and senate who were present in favor or protest for their constituents.

A proposed law compelling the making of barrels, boxes and other packages, in transit, containing lobsters, with the word, "Lobsters," together with the full name of the shipper and consignee, was the first bill taken up. The measure was recommended by the commissioners of fisheries and game, and that body was represented by G. H. Garfield, one of its members. Mr. Garfield explained that such a law would aid in preventing dealing in short lobsters and discourage the dishonest ones who ship illegal lengths from continuing in business. He explained that most of the regular dealers in Boston were in favor of such a law. There was no objection.

Fishermen Unanimous in Opposition  
to Licenses.

There was something doing in the way of protest when the senate bill to require and provide a license to catch lobsters was taken up for discussion. The bill proposes a license fee of \$1 to catch lobsters, and that all buoys, traps, nets and cars while in the water must bear the owner's name, and the number of his license in black figures not less than four inches long on a white flag not less than two feet in length. Section 5 of the bill provides for a penalty of \$25 for any violation of the law; also seizure of equipment and revocation of license.

Mr. Garfield of the fish and game commission tried to make the lobstermen see how well such a scheme would aid in protecting their lobster pots being pulled by unscrupulous persons, but they couldn't see that there was any need of a license law, and as for identifying their traps and pots with flags to prevent them being robbed, they said it would have no effect whatever. This bill did not have a single supporter other than the representative of the fish and game commission.

When the chairman of the committee asked for all who were opposed to the bill to stand up, every man in the room who came to discuss the proposed legislation arose.

Bill to Increase Legal Length Also Opposed.

The measure designed to change the minimum length of the lobster from nine inches to 10 1-2 inches was opposed by all the lobster men present; also the proposition to change the mode of measuring from full length to the length of the shell on the back.

Some of the lobstermen admitted they cared little how the measurements were made, but finally when asked to express their preferment all voted to let the length and the manner of measuring remain as it is.

The measure was opposed by Representative Quinn for the lobstermen of Swampscott, by Joseph Sorrell for the lobstermen of Boston harbor, by Representative Adams for the lobstermen of Marblehead, by John Lawton of Rockport and several others.

F. M. Johnson, a Boston dealer, expressed his opinion, founded on long years of experience, regarding the evil of the nine-inch-law. Lobsters of that size do not spawn, he said. At 10 1-2 inches length they do. His contention was that the nine-inch lobster should be protected, and that unless it was done the lobster business would be down and out within 10 years.

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Mr. Johnson's remarks made everybody in the room sit up and take notice. He knew what he was talking about, he said, and what he said was in line with the views of the fish and game commission. That 10 1-2 inches should be the minimum was the view of several others who were not directly interested.

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Resolution on Steam Trawling.

In the Nova Scotia legislature at Halifax on Tuesday, Hon. Mr. Murray, Premier, in answer to questions asked on a previous day by the honorable member for Shelburne, N. S., (Mr. Nickerson), said that the government transmitted to the department of marine and fisheries at Ottawa the resolution adopted by this house at the last session of the legislature with respect to the innovation in fishing known as steam trawling, and urged prompt consideration of said resolution by said department. The government was not aware of correspondence on the subject between representative men of Canada and other countries, or of any conference between the same with respect to prohibiting the above method of fishing. The government was not in a position to state whether any conclusion had yet been reached or whether negotiations were yet pending.

Pensacola Fish Notes.

The fishing fleet has been making some large catches of late and good prices are secured for the fish.

Warren & Co. had the following:

Smack Silas Storms, 21,000 snappers and 4000 groupers; Ariola, 22,000 snappers and 4000 groupers; Alcoma, 24,000 snappers and 5000 groupers; Chicago, 16,000 snappers and 4000 groupers, and Osceola, 18,000 snappers and 4000 groupers.

E. E. Saunders & Co.: Cavilier, 24,000 snappers; Caviare, 23,000 snappers, 5000 groupers; John M. Keen, 20,000 snappers and 6000 groupers; Clara R. Harwood, 25,000 snappers and 6000 groupers.

Because of severe weather all the small fishing boats are now laid up.

Fishermen Scarce at Newfoundland.

The merchants at different points in Conception Bay, N. F., principally at Harbor Grace, are now looking for men to go to the fishery. They have found great difficulty in securing a sufficient number up to the present. It is expected that a great many of them will conduct their business this season on a smaller scale than in former years.

Herring Struck Off at St. Jacques.

Herring have struck off here at St. Jacques, N. F.; none for the past week; at Rencontre and Lally Cove recently hauls of 300 and 200 barrels respectively were made; they are being sold to a Canadian vessel, the last remaining, the others having loaded and gone.

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## WANTS FROZEN FISH DEFINED.

Boston Dealer Claims Present  
Decision Untenable.

Complaining that the government has placed itself in the position of contending that fish should be frozen before being caught to be "naturally frozen," a Boston firm of fish dealers has asked Representative Roberts of Massachusetts to protest to the treasury department against a recent ruling.

The letter says that the treasury department held that fresh herring naturally frozen, was not dutiable as frozen fish at three-fourths of a cent duty per pound, but that this was modified by a letter on March 5, from the department addressed to the collector of Boston, saying there seemed to be some misunderstanding.

This latter letter held that fish frozen in tubs or on decks of vessels after they have been caught cannot be classed as "natural frozen," and therefore are subject to the old duty of three-fourths of a cent a pound.

The fishing outfit bounties paid by the French government are as follows:

1. Fifty francs per member of crew engaged in fishing, and drying on the coast of Newfoundland, St. Pierre or the Grand Bank.
2. Fifty francs per man for fishing without drying in Iceland seas.
3. Thirty francs per man for fishing on Grand Bank without drying.
4. Fifteen francs per man fishing on Dogger Bank. The produce bounties are:

1. Twenty francs per metric quintal (220.46 lbs.) of dried cod sent to a French colony in America, India, West Coast of Africa or to a trans-Atlantic country, where there is a French consul.

2. Sixteen francs per quintal of dried cod sent direct or through France to European or foreign countries on the Mediterranean, other than Sardinia or Algeria.

3. Sixteen francs per quintal of dried cod exported from ports in France to French colonies of America, India and other trans-Atlantic countries without having entered bonded warehouses.

4. Twelve francs per quintal sent to Sardinia or Algeria.

5. Twenty francs per quintal of cod roes taken by the fishermen to France.

This scale will remain in force until June 30, 1911.

The bounties are granted for a two-fold purpose. In the first place the experience gained by the young men and the hardships they have to endure whilst fishing on the banks, together with the subsequent drill and discipline when drafted into the navy, ensure a large complement of first-class seamen to France. Secondly, the bounties secure a market for produce of the French fisheries. In addition to this, the importation into this colony of cod caught by foreign ships is prohibited by law, and a protective tariff imposed on foreign fish introduced into France or her colonies.

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FIND WORTH \$30,000

Painter Accidentally Picked Up Ambergris While Hunting.

\$30,000 Dollars worth of ambergris picked up in the St. Lawrence River. Was the find of a Manchester, N. H. painter, while fishing in Canada.

It weighed about 38 pounds.

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## Newfoundland Ice Report.

The latest Newfoundland ice report says:

Anticosti, West Point—Wind east, open weather North Channel, close packed South Channel.

South West Point—Light, close packed ice, stationary.

South Point—Light, close packed ice everywhere, moving west.

Heath Point—Strong east wind, light, close packed ice everywhere, moving south.

Point Amour—Calm, Straits full of sheet ice, stationary, some seals seen.

St. Paul's Island—Strong south east wind, light open ice on shore, moving north.

Cape St. Lawrence—Light open ice distant, moving west.

Cape North—Light open ice distant, moving north.

Port Aux Basques—Yesterday wind southeast, blowing strong; Bruce came through 70 miles of ice.

Lark Harbor—Wind east and snowing.

Birchy Cove—Wind east, light, thick snow and mild.

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## Stocked \$1740.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman, stocked \$1740 on her recent short haddock trip to Georges and landed at Boston and this port.

## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Alber J. Lutz was at Digby, N. S., a few days ago with 50,000 pounds of fresh fish.

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## TWO SMALL FRESH FARES.

Only Fish Receipts at This Port Since Last Report.

Through the night nothing in the way of a fish fare arrived here and so it is another quiet day on the water front, the fitting of crafts for Georges and other off-shore trips and several crafts taking salt from the steamer being about all there is doing.

Yesterday afternoon sch. Florida landed a small fresh fish fare at Neal & Cooney's and steamer Nomad brought in 7000 pounds of fresh fish which were shipped to Boston.

It is the finest kind of a fish day today on the shore grounds and all the market fleet has gone out to take advantage of it. Fish have not been very plentiful on the shore spots for the past 10 days and the skippers are anxious to make every moment count and hope to soon locate the fish again.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Florida, shore, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Nomad, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Esther Gray, Boston.  
Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, pollock sein-

Sch. Thalia, shore.  
Sch. Actor, shore.  
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.  
Sch. Stranger, shore.  
Sch. Florida, shore.  
Sch. Julietta, shore.  
Steamer Nomad, shore.  
Steamer Quoddy, shore.  
Sch. Colonial, halibuting.

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Georges halibut, 10c per lb., for white and 8c for gray.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

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Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round 65 cts., dressed 70 cts.

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## Washington Fish Products.

The state fish commissioner of Washington says that the fish products of 1909 aggregated more than \$13,000,000 in value, breaking all previous records. In 1901, which held the record up to this time, the value of the fish taken in Washington was about \$10,000,000, but this time all records are broken and Washington stands further ahead than ever of every state in the Union so far as the fishing industry is concerned. He added:

"The sockeye salmon run in four-year cycles. In 1901 was a run that beat all others. In 1905 came the next big run, but in 1909 all records were smashed. On Puget Sound alone the fishing industry produced about \$8,000,000 or more in 1909."

## Portland Fish Notes.

It was too rough for the local fleet to fish Wednesday and the dealers did not seem to care much. They are willing to rest up a bit after the strenuous rush of the past few days. However, one trip of fish was brought in for the Carrie and Mildred had 4000 pounds for F. S. Willard. This is the first trip the steamer has brought in since undergoing repairs.

## High Line of Digby Fleet.

Sch. Loran B. Snow, Capt. William Snow, arrived at Digby, N. S., Monday morning with 100,000 pounds of mixed fish, an excellent fare, captured in three days. Sch. Loran B. Snow is high line at Digby this season as usual.

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## BOSTON ARRIVALS NOT PLENTIFUL.

Prices Lower But Fair For the Season.

A dozen of the market boats are all that reported at T wharf this morning and the fares do not run very large. Prices hold low, live haddock bringing \$2.50, a figure that even the off-shores would have disdained two weeks ago, with large cod at from only a quarter to a half above splitting prices. Nevertheless, taking everything into consideration the prices cannot be called low in comparison with the usual winter prices.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed with 23,000 pounds is high boat and schs. Athena, Elva L. Spurling, Nokomis and Seacomet also have good fares. The rest run small.

The boats have a fine fish day today, so a lot of them may be in tomorrow, although the dealers are looking for most of them to hang off, fish tomorrow and Sunday if possible and market Monday. Some of the big off-shore fellows are also looked for Saturday or Monday and the chances of the unusual prices of two weeks ago is not looked for, for a time at least.

The receipts in detail are:

## Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Rose Standish, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Seacomet, 12,000 haddock, 2800 cod, 3000 cusk, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Nokomis, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3500 hake, 1800 cusk.

Sch. Esther Gray, 1000 haddock, 2400 cod.

Sch. N. A. Rowe, 7000 cod.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Freedom, 6000 cod.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 18,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 1600 haddock, 1900 cod, 500 pollock.

Sch. George H. Lube, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Athena, 14,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Haddock, \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; hake, \$1 to \$2; pollock, \$1.75 to \$2.

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## MAINE LOBSTER LAWS.

Strict Enforcement Has Proved of Great Benefit.

The rigid enforcement of the Maine lobster laws has proven a great success and nearly all the lobstermen there are ready to acknowledge it. During the past summer it was almost impossible to purchase one below the legal length of 10 1-2 inches and the fishermen are ready to acknowledge that by leaving them alone they are quickly multiplying.

The lobster business in the state last year amounted to more than \$2,000,000, and this year it is expected to be even bigger. There is an increased demand for lobsters by the constantly increasing summer tourists, but the fact remains that the supply is also constantly increasing and will exceed the demand.

The United States hatchery at Boothbay Harbor has done much to assist in the propagation of this delicious sea food. Then again the state fish commissioners of the past few years have handled conditions in such a way that their wardens and lobstermen have worked in unison until a majority of the latter are in full sympathy with its workings.

The Maine lobstermen are in better financial condition than ever before. Nearly all own their power launches for assisting them in their business, live in comfortable little homes and are banking snug little amounts each year.

Under the old system of selling the shorts, which only brought five cents alive or seven cents boiled profits were slow and risks great. Times have changed and the lobstermen now appreciate it.